



## United States Coast Guard Marine Safety Office San Diego

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### *San Diego* Operation Port Watch “Neighborhood Watch” for the Port of San Diego and Coastline

SAN DIEGO – With the beginning of the new year and the increased security activities surrounding the Super Bowl, the Coast Guard in San Diego would like to remind the public about Operation Port Watch, established in July 2002. Operation Port Watch continues to be a successful program for ensuring the safety and security of the port. The program enlists the support of San Diego’s citizens, boaters, professional mariners, and waterside business people to be on alert for suspicious activities and help protect the Southern California and the Port of San Diego from potential threats.

Operation Port Watch taps the knowledge of those that work and use the local waters for information on activity that is out of place.

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## ***San Diego Operation Port Watch***

Operation Port Watch is a joint effort of the FBI, U.S. Customs, the California Highway Patrol and the Port of San Diego Harbor Police.

Of particular concern are activities around military bases, bridges, power plants, water intakes, oil facilities, fuel docks and at the cruise ship terminal. An incident report form and a list of the types of activities to report are attached and also available online at the Port Watch web page at: [www.uscg.mil/d11/sandiego/mso/portwatch.htm](http://www.uscg.mil/d11/sandiego/mso/portwatch.htm).

If an attack is imminent, call 911. Anyone noting suspicious activity in the port should report this at (619) 683-6495 or (800) 854-9834.

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## ***What to look out for***

Call 911 for immediate help

### **Places of particular interest**

- Near or around military bases
- Under and around bridges
- Near or around power plants
- Near or around water intakes
- Near or around oil facilities
- Near or around fuel docks

### **What to look for in recreational vessels**

- Fishing in locations not typically used for fishing
- Unattended vessels
- Unusual boat characteristics
- Any aggressive activities
- Unusual filming activity
- Unusual diving operations
- Recovering or tossing items into/onto the waterway or shoreline
- Unusual number of people on board
- Lights flashing between boats and shore at night
- Frequent trips across border

### **What to look for in commercial vessels**

- Operating/transiting in an area not typically transited
- Anchored in an area not typically used as an anchorage area
- Unattended vessels
- Unusual vessel characteristics
- Any aggressive activities
- Filming activity
- Divers near vessel
- Recovering or tossing items into/onto the waterway or shoreline
- Unusual transfer of personnel or items while transiting
- Unusual night operations

### **What to look for at facilities & waterway structures**

- Fishing in locations not typically used for fishing/hunting
- Suspicious activity
- Unattended vehicles in unusual locations
- Unusual vehicle characteristics
- Any aggressive activities
- Filming activity
- Divers entering water near facility or bridge
- Recovering or tossing items into/onto the waterway or shoreline
- Unusual night operations
- Observed security changes or lack of usually observed security
- Missing fencing, lighting etc.

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## ***Incident Report Form***

**Call 911 for immediate help**

Date
Time of incident
Location of incident
Incident (What happened? What did you see or hear?)
Identities of people involved?
Vessel or vehicle identification numbers
Other notes
Your name (You may remain anonymous)
How to contact you for questions; phone, e-mail, street address? (You may remain anonymous)

**Call 911 for immediate help**

Send form to:  
U.S. Coast Guard  
MSO San Diego, Port Operations  
2716 North Harbor Drive  
San Diego, CA 92101

Call in to: (619) 683-6495  
Fax to: (619) 683-6474

Further info online at [www.uscg.mil/d11/sandiego/mso](http://www.uscg.mil/d11/sandiego/mso)

